

Lynn Sanchez

Welcome Warmth

A UNO student wends her way back home amid a welcome flash of solar warmth Tuesday afternoon. Thermometers climbed into the 50s.

Students 'extremely upset' when Regents fail to show

By CHRIS MANGEN

Guy Mockelman had a headache Tuesday afternoon.

That's because three Regents scheduled to speak with UNO students didn't show up. Apparently they had other things to do.

Edward Schwartzkopf of Lincoln, Kermit Hansen of Elkhorn and Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City had planned to discuss the University's 2 percent reallocation plan. The three are members of the Regents Subcommittee on Student Affairs.

According to Mockelman, UNO Student/President Regent, Schwartzkopf and Hoch apparently attended functions on the UNL campus. Hansen told Mockelman he had a 2 p.m. plane to catch. Schwartzkopf told the Omaha World-Herald he advised Mockelman last week he couldn't attend the meeting. Hoch said she forgot about it.

The meeting was canceled Tuesday morning.

Members of Student Government tried to notify students of the cancellation, but about 45 students showed up anyway. Mockelman predicted 100 would have shown up had the meeting been held.

The sign on the Dodge Room door in the Student Center, where the meeting was to be held, told the story. It read: Due to the Lack of Regents, the Meeting has been Postponed Until Further Notice.

As of Tuesday evening the meeting had not been rescheduled.

About 35 of those who showed up for the meeting stayed and milled around and talked to fellow students. Students for Quality Education members collected 45 names of those who were there.

One of those attending was Patty Kerrigan, a junior majoring in special education. She had planned to tell the Regents how difficult it is to get into required classes at UNO. "Classes are offered so seldom anymore . . . graduating in four years straight is impossible," Kerrigan said.

She said she has been unable to pull cards

for required classes and added, she has taken electives instead, some of which don't count towards her degree.

But even when she does eventually complete all of her requirements and graduate, Kerrigan said she feels her degree will be cheapened by the budget cuts. "Every year our university loses prestige because of budget cuts," Kerrigan said.

"The Regents' not showing up Tuesday proves we (UNO students) are not a priority," she said referring to the scheduled hearings at 1:30 p.m. today in the student center. "They didn't want to take a browbeating two days in a week."

"They've already made up their minds," Judith Bieker, a junior music history major, said of the Regents. Bieker said she felt compelled to attend the hearing anyway, to let the Regents know she opposes program cuts.

Of the 45 students who tried to get involved Tuesday, many of them, like Kerrigan, were "extremely upset" the Regents didn't show. "A lot of people here either cut class or took off work to get here," Kerrigan said.

Some people also spent a considerable amount of time preparing for the meeting. Last year only two students not involved with Student Government showed up for the annual subcommittee meeting with the Regents. Mockelman said that was student government's fault, since the meeting was not promoted.

This year Student Government members were prepared. Press releases were sent to local media, and Mockelman spoke to leaders of student organizations and urged them to encourage members to attend the meeting.

Members of Student Government and Chi Omega sorority, along with members of fraternities, handed out flyers promoting the meeting. Mockelman said \$13 from the Legislative Council on Community Relations budget was used to pay for the flyers.

"Students did a very good job of publicizing it and attending," Mockelman said. "This is just gonna make us try that much harder."

Legislators hear both sides of UNO expansion debate

By HENRY CORDES

Lincoln — UNO expansion plans dominated a lengthy hearing on the NU budget request before the Legislature's Appropriations Committee Monday.

Nine members of the Citizen's Action Committee (CAA) and Omaha City Councilwoman Sylvia Wagner spoke in opposition to UNO's plan for westward expansion through the purchase of 12 neighboring homes.

Several proponents of the University's plan followed, including two owners of homes the University is acquiring and UNO Student President/Regent Guy Mockelman.

Frances Batt opened the hearing's testimony for the CAA and said her group would substantiate that there is no present need for the land, the amount sought is excessive and the University is not observing due process in its acquisition of the homes.

The president of CAA, Batt asked the committee to deny the \$1.5 million it has preliminarily appropriated for a circular access road around the campus and the planning of a lab sciences building.

During its remarks, the CAA presented a new proposal to the Committee that would amend LB 410, the bill passed by the Legislature last year which authorizes \$3.3 million for UNO's acquisition of 12 neighboring homes. The amendment would divert those funds and place them toward immediate construction of a parking garage behind Arts and Sciences Hall.

"There are much better ways of solving the parking problems than what are presently being proposed," said CAA member Ted Foster.

Foster said his group contacted a Minnesota construction firm that gave them an estimate of \$4.8 million for a 1,200-space parking garage. He compared that figure to the CAA's estimate of \$5.1 million needed for the UNO plan which calls for surface parking spaces. This estimate includes \$3.3 million for land acquisition and \$1.8 million for construction of the parking lots.

Foster said a parking garage is in UNO's long-term campus development plan, but added that the school's estimate is \$9 million.

In an interview after the hearing, Neil Morgensen, director of plant management at UNO, said he questioned whether it was legally possible for funds already appropriated for purchase of the homes to be diverted.

However, Susan Darst Williams, press liaison for the CAA, said she understood Omaha Sen. Peter Hoagland planned to introduce the amendment to LB 410. Hoagland could not be reached for comment.

Wagner spoke of an "eye-opening" visit to the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, which she said faced urban expansion problems similar to those of UNO.

She said the Wisconsin State Legislature denied the University the right to expand. As a result, Wagner said, the University solved its problems with a multi-level parking garage and an extensive shuttle bus system. She concluded her remarks by saying UNO should expand "up, in and down, but not out."

The most vehement testimony against the CAA's plan came from owners of three of the homes the University is acquiring.

Harry Koch said the University is the only possible buyer for his home. He said he was sorry to leave the area, but added that he was ready to go and hoped for expedient purchase of the homes.

"I resent Mrs. Batt trying to control my destiny," he said.

Koch said the proposed amendment would "throw another element of uncertainty" into the lives of 12 families. He said he hoped the Legislature would not waver from its original decision.

Earlier in the hearing, Koch said, he saw three pictures of his home in CAA slide presentations which made him feel "like a pawn in a chess game. They've given the impression I agree with their position," he said.

Koch said the issue of home acquisition was decided in 1970 when the University purchased homes along Dodge Street west of the current acquisitions. "I wonder where the CAA was then?" he asked.

William Boyle, owner of another of the 12 homes, said that to his knowledge the CAA spoke for three or four property owners. He said he was authorized to speak for himself and three others.

James Monaghan, a former Omaha Public School Board member, said the CAA's figures on enrollment are misleading. School enrollment in the area has gone down, he said, but UNO enrollment has been steady and has climbed in the last two years.

Monaghan, who has two sons and a daughter at UNO, said UNO needs the space for expansion. He compared the 73 acres for 15,000 students at UNO to Burke High School, which has

10 times the acreage and one-tenth the number of students.

Mockelman accused the CAA of distorting the issue in its testimony by making the expansion issue appear to be a parking issue. Academic buildings are involved too, he said.

Mockelman said he objected to several references made by CAA speakers who said they talked to UNO students who are against the expansion plan. Mockelman said some students do oppose the plan, but added that far more favor it.

"They misquoted us," he said. "(The CAA) has the right to their own opinion, but they shouldn't damage our voice."

Mockelman had prepared a long presentation for the Committee, but shortened his comments. He said the hearing had already lasted long too long. He later blamed the CAA for the lengthy hearing and said the group was "rude" in running far over its allotted time.

"They once again have denied the students the chance to be heard," he said.

The CAA was originally allotted 22 minutes on the agenda, but according to Committee Chairman Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, the group exceeded that amount by three times.

The CAA defended its presentation, however. Williams said she felt university speakers on other matters that preceded the expansion debate "filibustered" so that the Committee would be weary of testimony by the time the CAA gave its presentation.

"It's all part of the game," she said. "We try to fight fair."

Williams said Tuesday she would probably no longer do public relations work for the CAA because she doesn't agree with their plans to push for the amendment to LB 410. Though she still agrees with the CAA's cause, she said the amendment would only take away the money that would be used to purchase the homes. Williams said if the owners do indeed want to sell their homes, the University should have the funds to buy them out.



Batt

Coalition calls for resignation of Black Studies head

By KEVIN COLE

The UNO Black Studies Department and its chairman, Julien Lafontant, have recently been the subject of criticism from several individuals and coalition groups within the black community. The criticism is aimed at Lafontant's proposal to restructure the Black Studies Department into a program.

As a program, Black Studies would offer eight to 10 courses rather than the 16 now offered. The faculty would be re-assigned to other departments, while continuing to teach some Black Studies courses. The department was targeted for reduction as a result of recent budget cuts and declining enrollment.

In a letter sent to NU President Ronald Roskens and the Board of Regents, Eddie Staton, president of the Survival Coalition, called for the retention of Black Studies as a department and the removal of Lafontant as its chairman. He also recommended a community advisory committee which would provide the UNO department with input from the community.

The Survival Coalition is composed of 30 to

40 organizations which total about 500 individuals. It began in 1980, Staton said. The letter was also endorsed by the Black Heritage Series and the Omaha chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), he said.

Staton said the black community of Omaha has become "infuriated" over the Black Studies reductions. "I have seen folks come out of the woodwork who I didn't think even knew there was a Black Studies program out there," Staton said.

He said the decline in enrollment does not surprise him. "It's obvious that Black Studies is not used as much as it should or could be because it's not required," he said.

As associate executive director for programs at the United Methodist Community Centers and a candidate for the District Two Omaha Public School Board, Staton said he is especially interested in requiring education majors to take Black Studies courses.

"I spent one whole semester in the UNO Education Department learning how to assem-

ble a bulletin board," he said. "But no where do they teach students how to deal with the problems of black children."

Responding to the criticism of his department, Lafontant said he hadn't seen a recent article citing the letter in the Omaha Star, and added he would not pay attention to the criticism of his detractors. "I'm doing what I can to keep Black Studies alive," he said. "These people don't know what's going on (at UNO). I didn't see or hear from them from 1977 until now."

Lafontant said the Black Studies Department has experienced a steady decline in enrollment. The lack of Black Studies majors is the chief cause of the drop in credit hours, he said.

"How can you have a department when you don't have majors? Due to economics the department has few majors, Lafontant said. "They (students) want to make some money in the future and you can't get that with a Black Studies major."

The restructuring of the Black Studies Department should help make it stronger than ever, Lafontant said. He said he has appointed

a committee to make recommendations on what courses should be included in the program.

Alonzo Smith, assistant professor of Black Studies, will chair the committee composed of the full-time faculty members in the Black Studies Department and two faculty members from the UNO Goodrich Program. Smith emphasized that he was speaking as an individual and not as a representative of the University or the department. He said good arguments existed on both sides of the issue of whether or not to change the department to a program.

"It's clear we need a new structure," Smith said. "Some kind of new structure is desirable at this point." Noting the complications of the issue, Smith said the proposal is something that should have been discussed sooner.

"I would've preferred to have seen a department," he said. "However, I think there is a feeling among the faculty that a program is desirable. I'm not opposed as long as it preserves the strength of the Black Studies field of study and is academically respectable," he added.

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Weber pleased with proposed budget

UNO Chancellor Del Weber told the Legislature's Appropriations Committee Monday he was appreciative of a preliminary university budget which would allocate \$100,000 for computer equipment and \$100,000 for hiring three additional faculty members in business and mathematics.

Weber said the computer allocation, if approved by the Legislature, would allow UNO to expand the number of terminals on its VAX computer from 72 to 120. He said that would reduce the user-to-terminal ratio from 85-1 to 64-1.

Three additional faculty members will help the business school which is understaffed by 25 faculty, Weber said.

The Committee's preliminary budget for the 1984-85 school year includes \$162.8 million in state funds. That is \$7 million less than what the University asked for, but \$3 million more than the amount proposed by Gov. Kerrey in his budget bill.

NU President Ronald Roskens told the Committee that teacher salaries are the most important aspect of next year's budget. He said during the past two years Nebraska has ranked 42nd among the 50 states in amount of state support received for higher education. Roskens said Nebraska has ranked 14th

nationally during the past 10 years.

Omaha Sen. Karen Kilgarin questioned Roskens about the University's request for \$312,000 for equipment replacement. She said \$150,000 was allocated for equipment replacement last year, but added that only \$35,000 had been used for that purpose.

Roskens said the money was needed in other areas.

Kilgarin said she agreed the University didn't receive enough money last year, but added that the University's use of money for something other than what the Legislature approved it for "upsets us a little."

Kilgarin also questioned Regent Edward Schwartzkopf of Lincoln about LB 772E. The bill would provide 3 percent emergency raises to all state employees for 1983-84. Kilgarin asked if such raises would bring an end to the Regents' battle with the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) chapter at UNO. The Regents are currently planning to eliminate 19 faculty positions at UNO.

"It's not appropriate for me to make a statement," Schwartzkopf said.

UNO student, 20, dies after surgery

Funeral services will be held today at 10 a.m. for UNO student Gail Persinger. The service will be held at St. Mary's of Bellevue Church, 2302 Crawford St. in Bellevue.

Persinger, 20, died shortly before 6 a.m. Tuesday at Bergan Mercy Hospital as the result of injuries she received in an auto accident Jan. 28. The van she was driving broke through a fence at 69th and Pacific streets and landed upside down in the waters of Papio creek.

During the 17 days of her hospitalization, Persinger's condition never improved past the serious stage and she remained in the intensive care unit, according to the Bergan Mercy Public Affairs Office. Last Friday, the decision was made to operate on her brain to relieve the pressure formed from abscesses and swelling.

The operation was unsuccessful due to the large amount of swelling and abscesses that could not be eliminated. The abscesses were a complication which resulted from Persinger's inhalation of cold water in the creek.

An Air Force ROTC cadet, Persinger will be honored by a color guard and fellow cadets will serve as pallbearers, at the request of her mother, Kathleen Persinger. Burial will be held in Bangor, Maine, where her parents eventually plan to retire.

"We deeply appreciate the support from the people at ROTC and the other students who have inquired," Mrs. Persinger said. "She touched a lot of people."

Gail is survived by her parents, Kathleen and George, brothers James and John and sister Karol.

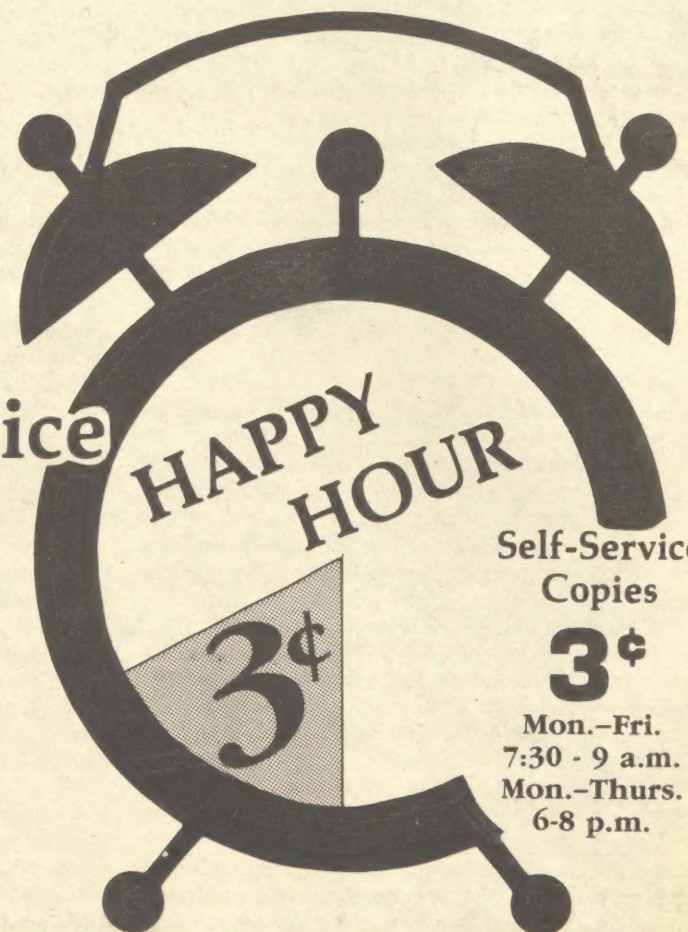
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What's Next

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents are scheduled to attend a public hearing today at 1:30 p.m. in the Dodge Room of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Topics to be discussed include the elimination of the Black Studies Department, the Writer's Workshop and the undergraduate and graduate degrees in teaching the hearing impaired.

Board Chairman Edward Schwartzkopf said the hearings will provide "an open forum for commentary from the public, faculty and students."

Jazz Hotspot

The UNO Music Department will present Jazz Festival XII, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17 and 18, in the Student Center.

Highlighting the festival will be selections from an All-Star High School Jazz Band and a

concert by the UNO Jazz Ensemble with guest soloist Richie Cole. The concert will be Saturday, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$4 in advance or \$6 at the door for adults; and \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door for students. They are available through UNO's University Bands Office, 554-3352; UNO's Music Department, 554-2251; or from members of the UNO Jazz Ensemble.

Grappling With Gripes

"Coping With Criticism" is the topic of a class which will meet from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, Feb. 25 and March 3. Classes will be held at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

The course is designed to help students understand their attitudes toward and the effects of criticism. The course will also demonstrate

how to use criticism as a tool for change, personal growth and improved relationships.

Registration fee is \$30. To sign up, call the UNO College of Continuing Studies, 554-3399.

Single And Broke?

"The Economics of Being Single," a new course sponsored by the UNO College of Continuing Studies, begins Feb. 21 at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center. The class will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on three Tuesdays. Topics covered include money management skills, consumer strategies for housing, savings, insurance and investment decisions. Sheran Cramer, assistant professor of education and family resources at UNO, will instruct the class. The fee is \$25. For more information and sign up, call 554-3399.

Women's Festival

UNO will host the third annual Women's Festival Feb. 24-26. "Ashes, Ashes, We All Fall Down," will be performed by a feminist drama troupe Friday, Feb. 24, from 8 to 10 p.m. in the University Theater in the Arts and Sciences Building. The Festival will be held at the Student Center on Saturday and Sunday.

Gloria Joseph, co-author of "Common Differences: Conflicts in Black and White Feminist Perspectives," and artist Judy Chicago will be this year's key speakers. Discussion topics include the two-paycheck marriage, women in non-traditional careers and feminist spirituality.

Registration information, including housing, child care and a complete listing of group discussions can be obtained by contacting Nancy J. H. Phillips, 554-2730.



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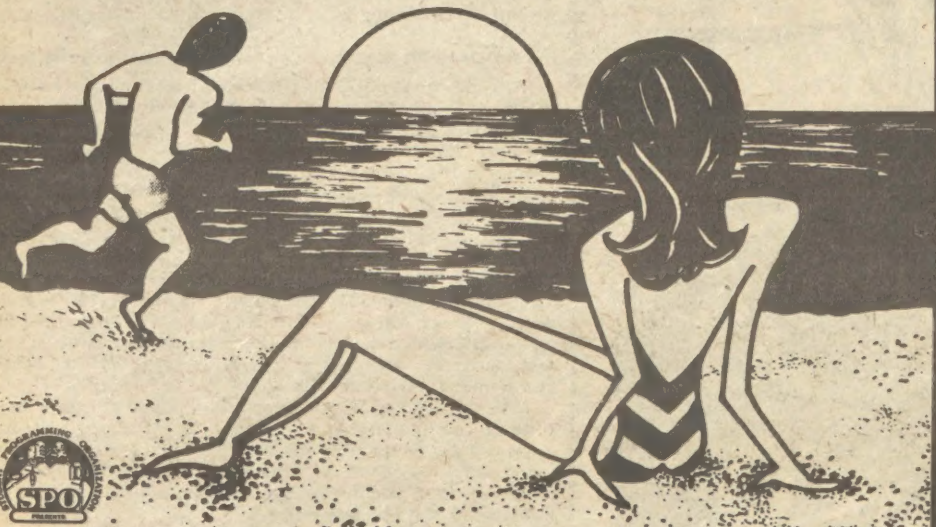
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Comment

A slap in the face

Guy Mockelman worked hard to set up the meeting planned Tuesday between three Regents and UNO students. UNO's student regent said he had been working out the details during the past couple of months.

But he made one major mistake. He assumed the Regents would honor their word and show up for the meeting. Unfortunately Edward Schwartzkopf of Lincoln, Kermit Hansen of Elkhorn and Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City had better things to do that day. Hansen apparently had to catch a plane and Hoch and Hansen were tied up in functions on the UNL campus.

Whatever their reasons, the Regents' failure to show up is inexcusable. It may also have been a mistake.

The Regent no-shows should make students more vehement in their opposition to the cuts, and the Regents who ordered the cuts.

Students can express their anger Friday at hearings scheduled in the Student Center Dodge Room at 1:30 p.m. Just as it was to have been Tuesday, the 2 percent reallocation process is to be discussed. Perhaps the Regents will this time deem it important enough to attend.

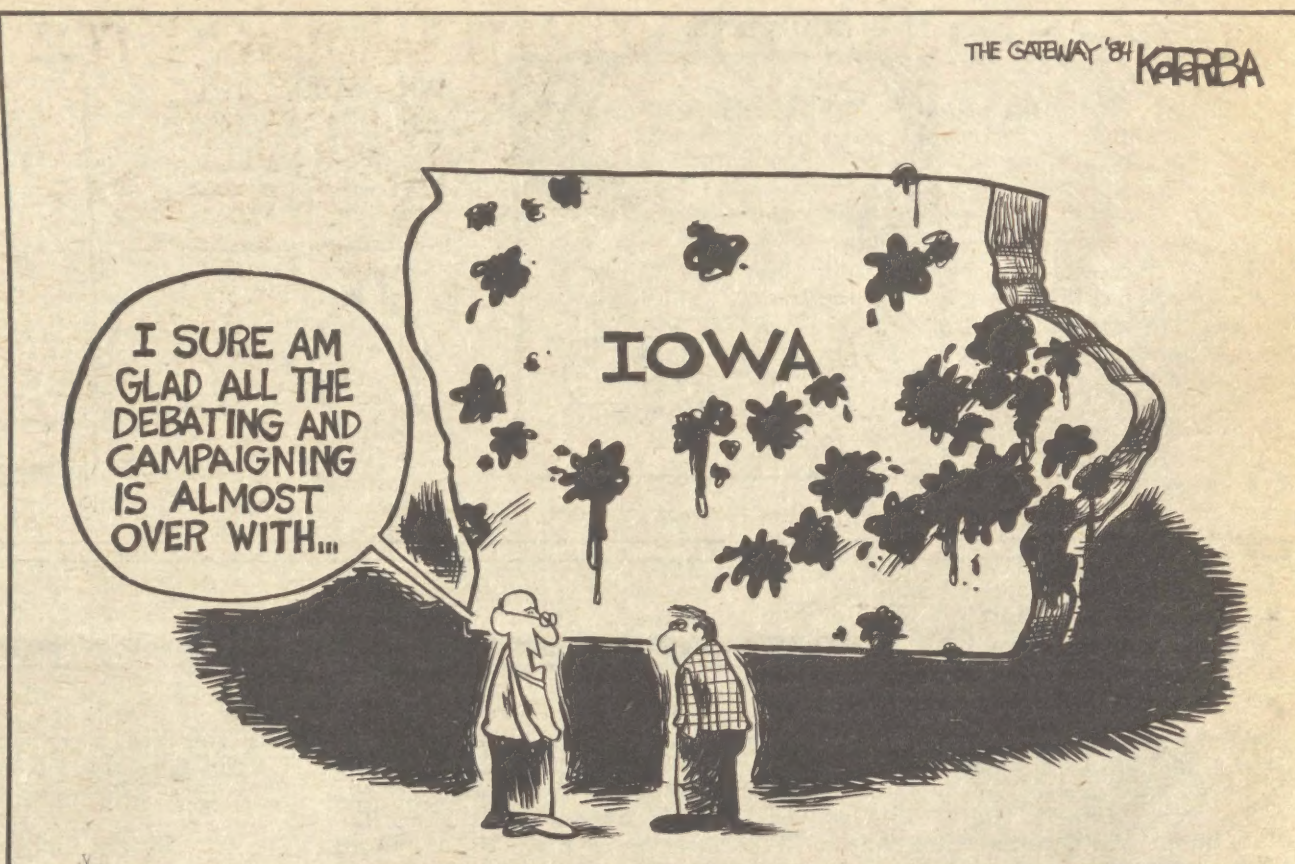
Mockelman was somewhat understanding of the Regents' not showing up. They all have busy schedules, he said, and he had anticipated problems.

But remember, Mockelman is UNO's student regent. He has to work with these people, so he must be prudent.

You don't have to be.

So show up Friday and tell the Regents what you really think.

— CHRIS MANGEN



Neurotica

By Karen Nelson

Hooked on hype

Sally appeared nervous when I ran into her at the Student Center the other day. Even though it was lunchtime, she paced back and forth in front of the counter.

"What's the matter?" I asked. "Things aren't going that badly, are they?"

"Oh, no, it's not that," Sally said. Still pacing, she gave her order for a ham and cheese sandwich in one line and an order for a medium orange juice two lines away. "In fact, I don't know what the problem is."

We found a table. "How are business classes?"

Sally thought for a moment. "All right, I guess. They're not all they're cracked up to be, though."

"Well, not many things are, I suppose. They must be a lot of work, though," I said.

"Not really," she said. "I still have time for other things."

It seemed best to let the conversation end there. If her activities outside of class included things such as bank robbery and drug dealing, then she had good reason to be nervous, and I didn't really want to hear about it.

Sally kept talking, though. "This week, for example, I watched the Olympics for awhile. Then, I got tired of that, so I went to my boyfriend's house. He has cable, and MTV had a Duran Duran/Michael Jackson video festival, so we watched that. Afterwards, I went home, put some Beatles music on because it was the 20th anniversary of their first trip to America, and read."

"What did you read?" I asked.

She gave me a shocked look. "Nineteen-Eighty-Four," of

course," she said.

It figured. "You sound like you've been paying attention to too much hype. 'What's your favorite TV show?' I asked.

She blushed. "The 'A-Team,' I guess. But why?"

"The last movie you've seen?"

"The Big Chill."

"Uh-huh. How many times did you see each 'Star Wars' film?"

"Well, uh, 11 or 12 times. What's this have to do with anything?"

"Sally, I'm just trying to help you through this difficult time, that's all. Now, who are your favorite stars?"

"Elizabeth Taylor, Tom Selleck, Mr. T and Boy George. I still don't get the point."

"I'm trying to help you. What did you get your little niece for Christmas?"

Sally hesitated for a moment. "A junior carpenter set." I sighed with relief. "You see, I started my Christmas shopping late, and the stores were out of Cabbage Patch Kids."

Realizing that this could be a crucial moment, I chose my words carefully. "Sally, has it ever occurred to you that you might be swayed by hype just a little bit? Haven't you ever been interested in anything that hasn't been pushed by the National Enquirer, People or USA Today?"

"Don't be silly," she said. "I didn't buy a home computer until it became Time's Man of the Year. No one could convince me to get my color chart done until Molloy — you know, the

'Dress for Success' guy — said it was all right to do so. And I never would have bought this ham and cheese sandwich except that you told me it was pretty good. So I listen to the wrong person once in a while — next time, I'll stick to the taco salad."

"Well, I'm glad you think for yourself once in a while," I said. "I wouldn't want to see you being led around by others all the time."

"At least people know what I'm talking about, even when I'm faking it," said Sally. "Look, do you watch TV at all?"

"Not very often," I said.

"You seem to be able to talk about what's on, at least once in a while," she said. "How come?"

"It's impossible not to know what's on TV," I said. "Everyone talks about it all the time, it's in the newspaper, magazines, there's jokes about it, there's just so much —"

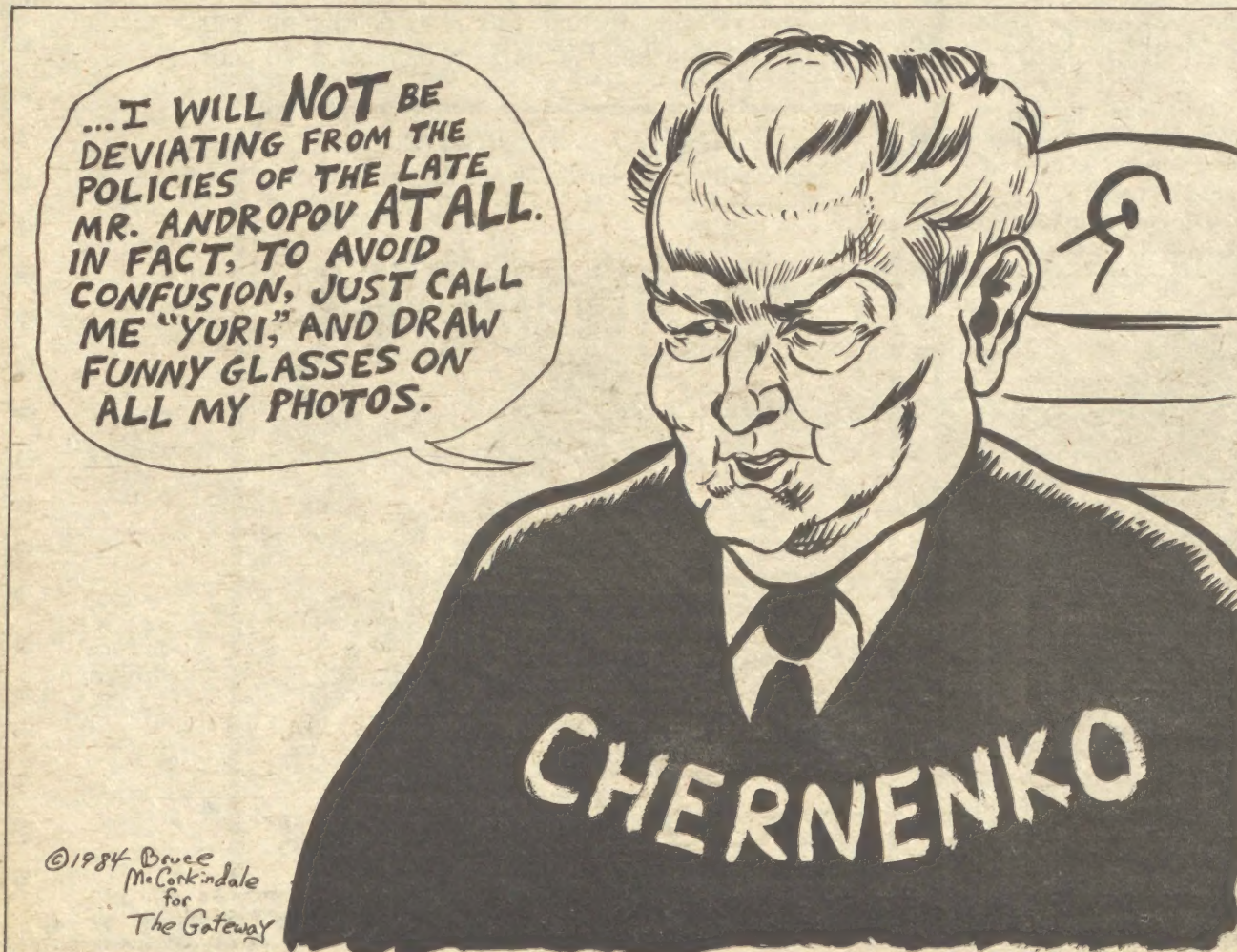
Sally looked straight at me. "Hype, Karen?"

I laughed. "Yeah, hype."

"You see? It would be hard for you to carry on a conversation without someone trying to make particular things more popular, now, wouldn't it?"

"Not really," I said. "I'd just try to switch the conversation to something I'm more interested in, like politics. Do you think anyone is going to successfully start third-party movement this year?"

Sally yawned. "Sorry, I don't keep up with that. Honestly, don't you ever get sick of all the hype in politics, especially around elections?"



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Black Studies program would provide starting point

The recent Black Studies controversy can best be summed up as another attempt by those in power to confuse the masses, while at the same time offering us air sandwiches concerning "input," "forums" and so on. These ideas are being offered so that we can see, in a wider context, the products of our actions.

In order for a race of people to have cultural continuity, they are in need of three key elements, according to C. Eric Lincoln: biological continuity, environmental continuity and educational continuity. Basically explained, biological continuity is procreation, environmental continuity refers to the space needed to place those bodies and educational continuity is the cultural transmission of ideas, customs and values that teach the culture and ethos of a particular people. Black Studies falls into the latter category, and is an indispensable element in the success — or failure — of cultural continuity.

We can look at Black Studies at UNO and see what it has done: We can see that enrollment has increased, but consciousness has not. We can see where Black Studies faculty have not, in the main, been involved with the community on key and central issues. And further, we have to understand that the views and values of the faculty within the department are not of the type that enable them to relate, with any ease, to the masses of blacks who are confined to the North Omaha area.

As a resource bank, the Black Studies Department, has been helpful in terms of providing information of an intellectual nature. But where is the formation of the North Omaha data bank? What is the department doing to direct the masses of students toward working in the black community? Where are the iconoclasts who are supposed to be combatting racism on campus as well as in the community?

In the classroom, why are most of the instructors afraid to deal with or address issues such as the North Freeway or the police? Why are at least two of the instructors seemingly apologists for white racism and slavery? And how can one instructor teach a course in black radicalism when his spouse is white? Why were these people hired to teach courses to ghetto youth when they, themselves, cannot (for geographic or philosophical reasons) identify with the black community?

Educational continuity, in the hands of a department such as this, is somewhat fuzzy and confusing. However, the argument can be made that it is better to have a basis for development than to have no foundation at all. And it is precisely this position that we should understand when dealing with the reformation or restructuring of the Black Studies Department.

The department, in its present form, came into being out of the tumult and turmoil of the '60s. At that time Black Students saw a need

for a curriculum and, based upon their confrontations with administrators, a Black Studies Department was formed. From that formation came courses that were fundamentally important for our defense and development. These courses served as a necessary starting point for us to understand our history, our culture and our community.

However, this is a new day. Some of our faculty and other scholars have not kept up with the times. They have become comfortable and have sought to maintain that which already is.

Since the foundation of the department was rooted in another time and context, we have to evaluate the relevance of courses that do not reflect our needs today. We have to look critically at those instructors who tell us that racism is on the way out when we, as ghetto residents, see it staring us in the face each day.

What we need is a new basis, and perhaps the concept of a Black Studies *Program* can provide that basis. We need to incorporate a teaching of the black experience in the traditional areas so that white instructors can no longer be smugly satisfied presenting a Eurocentric approach to the teaching of the humanities, while reserving "blackness" for Black Studies teachers only.

As a program we would have a starting point that could lead to further development. Why

have a department that is only piecemeal when we could have a program that can, with reliance on our development in the future, grow into something that we all could be proud of? What we need then, is a starting point of our own choosing — one that will not be deterred or deformed by the threat of future budget cuts. Those in power are far more likely to splice apart a department than a "mere program." Their gutlessness will buy us more time to grow and become stronger.

From this new basis, we can weed out traitors, replace quislings and develop bold new talent that will prepare us for a stronger future. Furthermore, we can design those courses that will be more relevant to the black student of the '80s. Racism is more than a lynch mob or a lyric; it is now an institutional arrangement, a corporate connection and a judicially-based structure.

Educational continuity is important. We need to revise it if we are going to survive the '80s and all that comes with a repressive governmental structure. We can do it if we are courageous enough to put away our Charlie Brown blankets and other absurd and artificial means of security and solace and try something new.

Together, we can make it work.

Matthew C. Stelly
Former Black Studies Major

Hey, maybe this Mondale guy isn't so boring after all

By COLMAN MCCARTHY

Washington — When presidential yearnings in Walter Mondale subsided in late 1974 and he withdrew his candidacy, he went literary. He produced a thoughtful book. He could now risk being seen as a politician with a mind. But then, except perhaps for the people whose names made the index, "The Accountability of Power" was left unopened by America.

In 1984, presidential yearnings phase two, Mondale has a surer recipe for success: recipes.

They are in the Mondale Family Cookbook. It is a colorful volume soon to be sent as thank-you gifts to more than 12,000 supporters who have hosted "America for Mondale" fund-raising parties. Instead of being a candidate who is successfully telling people how he thinks, Mondale is also saying how he cooks.

It shouldn't be mocked. It's better than Ronald Reagan giving us the details on how he pumps iron. Cooking at least engages the mind. The aproned Mondale offers Doorstop Bread, the Granny Mondale cinnamon roll and a basting technique for wild goose.

The Mondale Family Cookbook is for private distribution, but it is also a public revelation about the strongest of the eight Democratic candidates. Behind this cautious six-points-to-every-issue politician and sixteen-sides-to-ever-argument thinker is someone with life in him. With Mondale, there have been doubts — unfounded ones, but doubts still.

Some of that liveliness was on display last month when Mon-

dale spoke to a National Press Club audience in Washington. The beats and bends of old liberal melodies were in the speech but Mondale was able to make them current. He offered exact definitions of the shapelessness of the Reagan foreign policy: "A President must be in control. What happens when a President tries to delegate foreign policy? Well, just look at the Middle East . . . We've had Haig, Shultz, Allen, Clark, McFarlane, Habib and Rumsfeld. And we've had as many Middle East policies as we've had staff turnovers."

The aproned Mondale offers Doorstop Bread, the Granny Mondale cinnamon roll and a basting technique for wild goose

Are we safer from nuclear war after three years of Reagan? Mondale, thinking not, thinks well. Reagan has "terminated the test ban talks. He abandoned the SALT talks. He fired seasoned negotiators, and appointed many amateurs and ideologues. He offered START proposals that were non-starters. He called freeze supporters the dupes of Moscow. He has doubled spending on nuclear warheads. He wants to turn outer space into a new battlefield."

True to his taste for numbers, Mondale pledged himself to 12 actions to return some light to the nuclear dark ages of Reagan. They are as solid as Doorstop Bread: annual summits

with the Soviets, negotiations for a mutual and verifiable nuclear freeze, killing the MX missile, blocking nerve-gas production.

Nothing bolder can be hoped for from Mondale. He is a functional liberal, not a flaming one. Flammability, or even a pilot light, might have helped him in the Senate during the Vietnam War. He let others do the opposing. The same stand-back-and-see-what-develops trait was on view when Mondale supported the invasion of Grenada.

Mondale the candidate is like Mondale the cook: not the type to overstimulate. He wants to serve what is edible, not what the gourmets need for taste thrills. He is the fellow described by a psychiatrist in "Cooking As Therapy": "If you can organize your kitchen, you can organize your life."

And your presidential campaign. Mondale's organizational strengths have won endorsements from enough groups to free him from the Democratic backrunners and to let him put Ronald Reagan on the defensive, as happened in the Press Club speech.

Organizational skills are ones that Mondale should naturally have. He has been hiring, and has been served by, talented people since coming to the Senate in late 1964. He wrung as much good out of the vice-presidency as anyone could. He came out of it with his character intact. In the Senate, he tied every one of his domestic issues — children, housing, aging, hunger, education, labor, Indians, migrant workers, jobs — to the strength of the family.

He calls himself a "pragmatic, progressive Democrat." As the Reagan presidency bores on, the contrast with Mondale sharpens.

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'Wry humor' carries Center Stage's 'Woolgatherer'

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Hites portrays Rose, the woolgatherer, a neurotic young woman who works at the candy counter of the five-and-dime and has a thing for men's wool sweaters. A frigid, unbelievably naive mental deficient, she one day invites a trucker into her apartment.

Cliff is looking for a little action while his truck is being repaired. Rose, however, stymies

him by acting as if she is totally unaware of his designs.

Miller portrayed Cliff as an earthy Hawkeye Pierce. He brought to life a wise-cracking realist who knows the ugliness of the world yet speaks like a poet about the few moments of beauty one finds.

Rose was much harder to pin down. She dwelt on morbid, sick events and we were never sure if what she related was the truth or the product of a demented imagination.

Hites' uneven interpretation of Rose contributed to the confusion. She made Rose appear sometimes retarded, sometimes crazy,

other times afraid. Hites puts her character through a tremendous emotional upheaval; she cried, she shook, but she never enlightened.

Mastrosimone failed to provide sufficient motivation for his characters. Expositions took the form of repetitious and lengthy soliloquies. The ending was a trite catharsis.

The play was carried by a sense of wry humor generously endowed upon the likable character, Cliff.

Former UNO student Cathy Wells directed "The Woolgatherer." She kept the pace off-balance and coordinated the movements of the actors with the flow of action in the play.

During an emotionally charged scene in the second act, however, the play was brought to a screeching halt when Miller did not slap Hites, but merely brushed his hand past her face.

"The Woolgatherer" is worth seeing for Miller's performance and because it is the play that introduced Mastrosimone to the theatre-going public in 1980. "The Woolgatherer" runs through March 4. It is presented Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoons. Ticket information can be obtained by calling 444-6199.

—Patti Dale

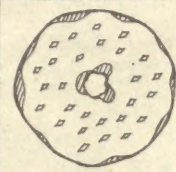


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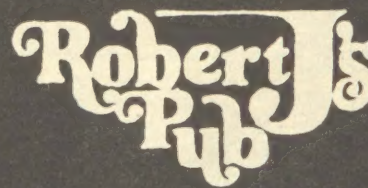
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And rightly so. The fourth floor is in fact home to 15 golden lion tamarin monkeys. The monkeys are part of a research project French and graduate assistant Judy Stribley are currently conducting.

French said the monkeys are from the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, the Los Angeles Zoo and the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

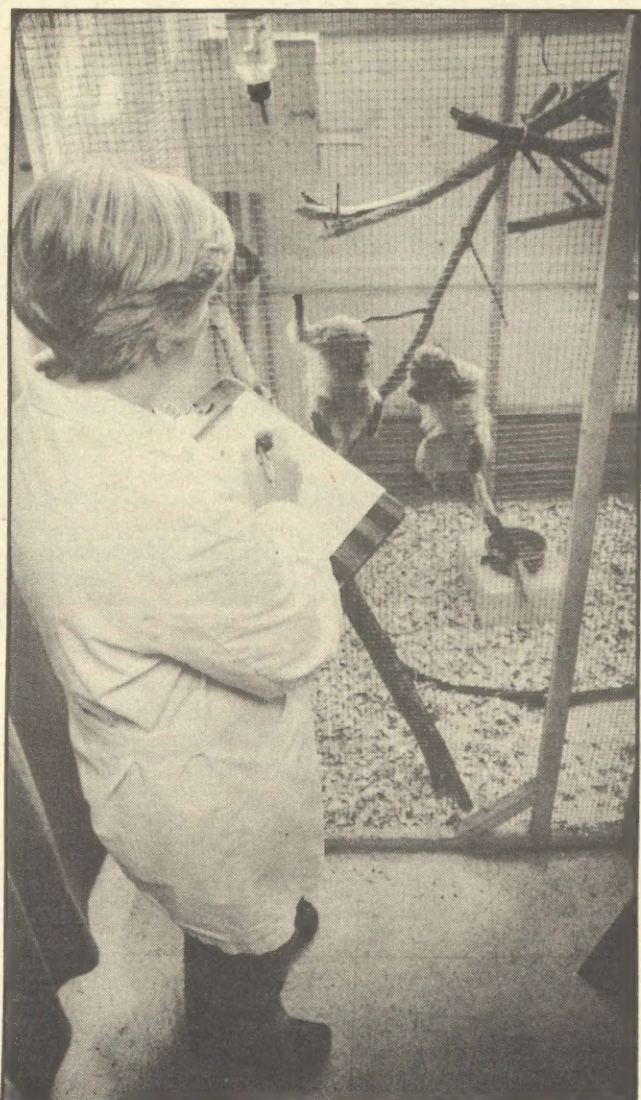
According to French, 250 golden tamarin monkeys live in captivity, 75 of which are in Brazil. The total population for the species is estimated at less than 500, he said, and this puts them on the endangered species list.

French said the research project is important because the monkeys will only be able to survive as a species if they are successfully bred in captivity.

French added that the UNO facility is the only facility in the world with a strictly research population of these monkeys.

French said that although the monkeys are cute, he would rather students didn't come to see them because it would upset the research he and Stribley are conducting.

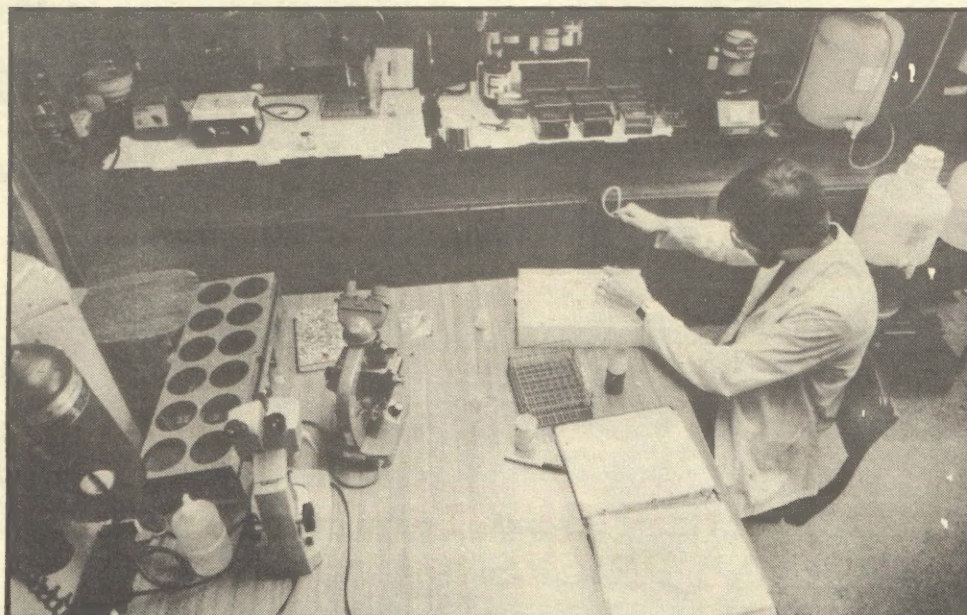
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Watchful eye . . . graduate assistant Judy Stribley records the monkeys' reactions.



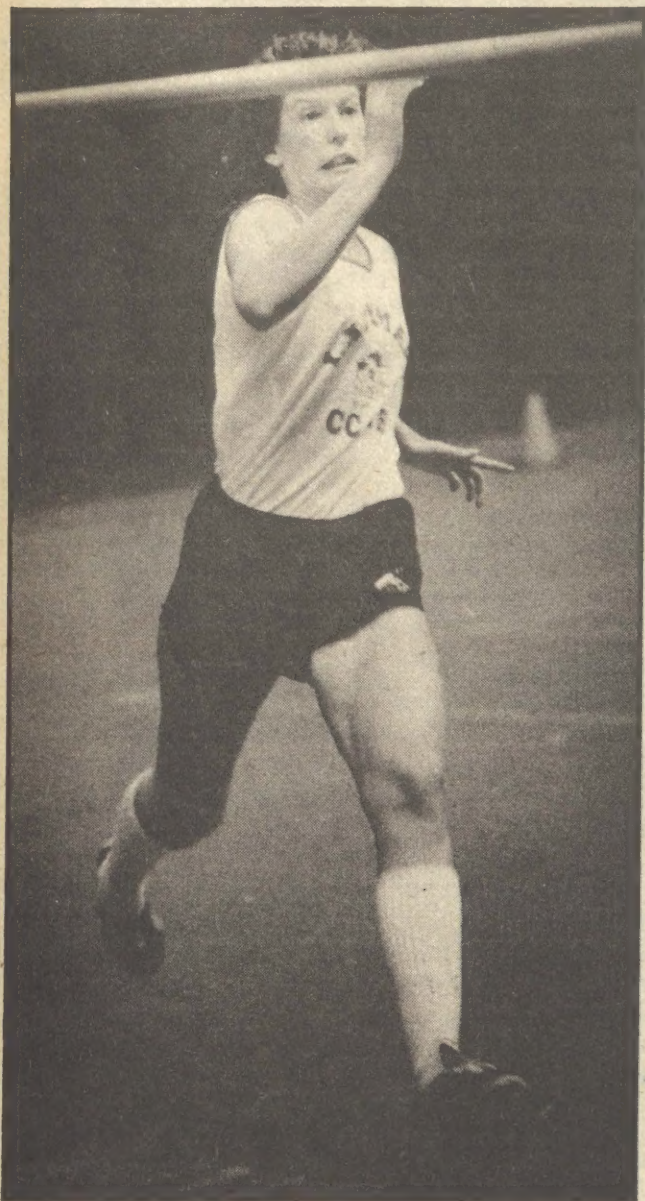
Twins . . . Barnabus and Claudius, both born Jan. 20, cling to their father's back.



Cramped quarters . . . Jeff French prepares a laboratory experiment in Arts and Sciences Hall.

Sports

'Tired' track teams prepare for NCC meet



Kenneth Jarecke

Making the approach . . . Freshman Deanna Hodges nears the high bar at a UNO triangular meet held earlier this season.

By ERIC OLSON

The men's and women's track teams will rest following this weekend's competition as they prepare for the conference meet in Vermillion, S.D. Feb. 24 and 25.

Men's Track Coach Don Patton said it is important for his squad to wind down the week prior to the North Central Conference schedule. "Strange things can happen in big meets. We'll have to be rested for the conference," he said.

Bob Condon, women's track coach, said he doesn't want any of his runners to have sore muscles before the meet, so lighter workouts will be scheduled.

Condon was especially concerned at last weekend's Northern Iowa Invitational that some of his runners would injure themselves because of fatigue. "We were really tired this week. We let them work too hard on Thursday, just a couple days before the meet," he said.

Patton said this week's meet with Drake will serve as a gauge for his team. Drake agreed to schedule the meet with UNO only if it were a non-scoring match. Patton obliged, believing it will allow for some experimentation.

"Since it's a non-scoring meet we will shuffle some people in events. That way we'll know where to run them in the conference meet," he said.

The meet will also let the runners double-check their technique. "If a miler guns it and tires, he won't be hurting the team as far as points," Patton said. "If a runner is starting out too fast, it's better to find out now than in the conference meet."

The women will be competing for points this week, however, when UNO hosts a quadrangular meet against South Dakota State, South Dakota and Northern Iowa.

"We will have run against all the top teams in the conference after this weekend," Condon said. SDSU has won the NCC title the past two years.

Condon said North Dakota State is the favorite to win the conference this season, but because the NCC is so balanced this year, all the teams will have a hand in determining the champion.

"It is fortunate to have such a strong conference," Condon said. "It avoids having two or three teams running away with it."

Last weekend the men's team won 80-65 against Kearney State. The Mavs won 11 events en route to the win.

"We shuffled people around in events again," said Patton. "It was a joint effort. Everyone did well."

Winners for UNO included Al McLaughlin (440, 300), Duane Steuvers (600), Randy Fulton (60 hurdles), Gerald Harder (880), Todd Peverill (1000), Marty Bamsey (high jump), Dan Welch (2-mile), Tracy Slobodnik (pole vault), and Mike Bridges (triple jump).



Elsasser



Slobodnik

The Maverick mile relay team, made up of Phil Dew, Steuvers, Harder, and McLaughlin, won with a time of 3:28.22.

The Lady Mavs finished second at the Northern Iowa Invite. Wisconsin-Milwaukee outscored UNO, 99-85. Five other teams attended the meet, including conference foe Mankato State. Condon said he was pleased his team beat Mankato because it will give added momentum to the Lady Mavs in next week's conference meet.

Lisa Mayhue set the school record at the meet in the 440 with a time of 57.84. She also took first in the long jump (17'9") and earned Lady Mav Track Athlete of the Week honors.

"Lisa has been a double winner in the last three weeks," Condon said. "She's been running under 60 seconds in the 440 the whole season and has been running steadily in practice. She was very capable of setting the record."

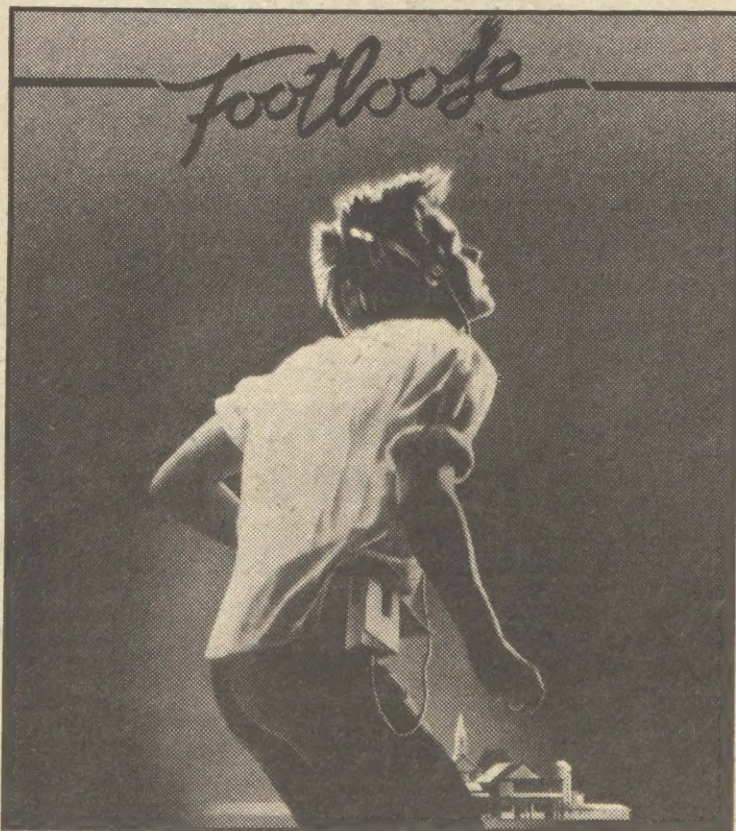
Zel Fowler won the 880 for UNO with a time of 2:16.54. But Condon was especially pleased with the relay teams, which won both the mile and two-mile races. The team of Kristi Bundy, Laurie Hajek, Becky Wilson, and Mayhue won their event in 4:03.21.

The two-mile team of Linda Elsasser, Sherry Crist, Janice Moreau and Fowler broke the school record with a time of 9:27.59. And Condon thinks they can do better. "The two-milers can run 10 to 15 seconds faster, and I think they will at the conference meet," he said.

UNO also had its first person to qualify for the national meet during the invitational. Wilson's triple jump of 35'2" qualified her for the meet at Cape Girardeau, Mo., but only placed her fourth at the Northern Iowa meet.

Condon said Wilson will need to add about two or three feet to that jump to be a contender for a national championship.

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Bad times as Jackrabbit forced Jacobson hop to UNO

By ERIC OLSON

Some basketball players become discontented when they see only limited playing time. But not Bill Jacobson.

The 6'8", 220-pound Jacobson has played an integral part in UNO's success this season. Most of his action has come from off the bench as he averages only 16 minutes of playing time per game.

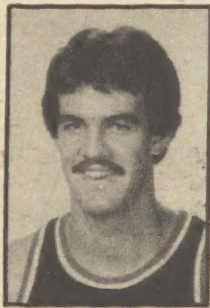
"It doesn't matter to me how much I play as long as we keep winning," he said.

Head Coach Bob Hanson said Jacobson's contributions have been valuable, but doubts he will work into a starting position this year. "I always tell the players that being in the last five minutes is more important than starting because oftentimes that's when the game is on the line," Hanson said.

In the Mavericks' 71-64 win against Morningside on Feb. 3, Jacobson confirmed Hanson's belief. He sank five of six free throws in the final 4:50, enabling UNO to widen its North Central Conference lead to 2½ games over the Chiefs.

It was his best night as a college player, too. Jacobson led UNO scorers with 18 points, 12 of those coming in the second half.

And it was only fitting that he should have his best night of his career in a game with Morningside. Jacobson was raised in Sioux City, Iowa, and his brother, Kris, was captain of Morningside's basketball team during the 1979-80 season.



Jacobson

The sophomore forward was an all-stater in basketball and football while at Sioux City North High. He averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds per game in high school.

But Jacobson's career at UNO was derailed by a year's stint at South Dakota State. He is one of two transfers for the Mavs this year. The other is Charlie Pugh, who came to UNO from Wayne State.

Jacobson was recruited for football by Iowa and Iowa State. He preferred basketball, however, and chose SDSU over UNO because of his interest in engineering. His situation at

SDSU was not good, though.

"The whole program wasn't what I thought it would be," he said. "There was a lot of dissension on the team, and I had some differences with the coach."

After appearing in 25 games as a Jackrabbit, Jacobson knew he wanted to transfer. He averaged close to three points and 15 minutes of playing time per game during his freshman season.

"I wanted to get out of there," said Jacobson. "I called Coach Hanson to see if he wanted me back."

Jacobson changed his major to business when he came to UNO and currently has a 3.8 grade point average. He had plenty of time to concentrate on his studies last year because as a transfer, he was forced to sit out the season.

"Last season was so long," Jacobson said. "I stayed in condition by practicing with the team and lifting weights with Charlie (Pugh)."

The wait was worthwhile for Jacobson and the Mavs. This year he is averaging 5.7 points and 4.7 rebounds per game as a utility man. He is second on the team in blocked shots with 10.

Hanson expects Jacobson to improve during the next two years. "He should improve defensively, and his scoring average should go up," Hanson said. "I expect him to be a very important cornerstone to our program in the future."

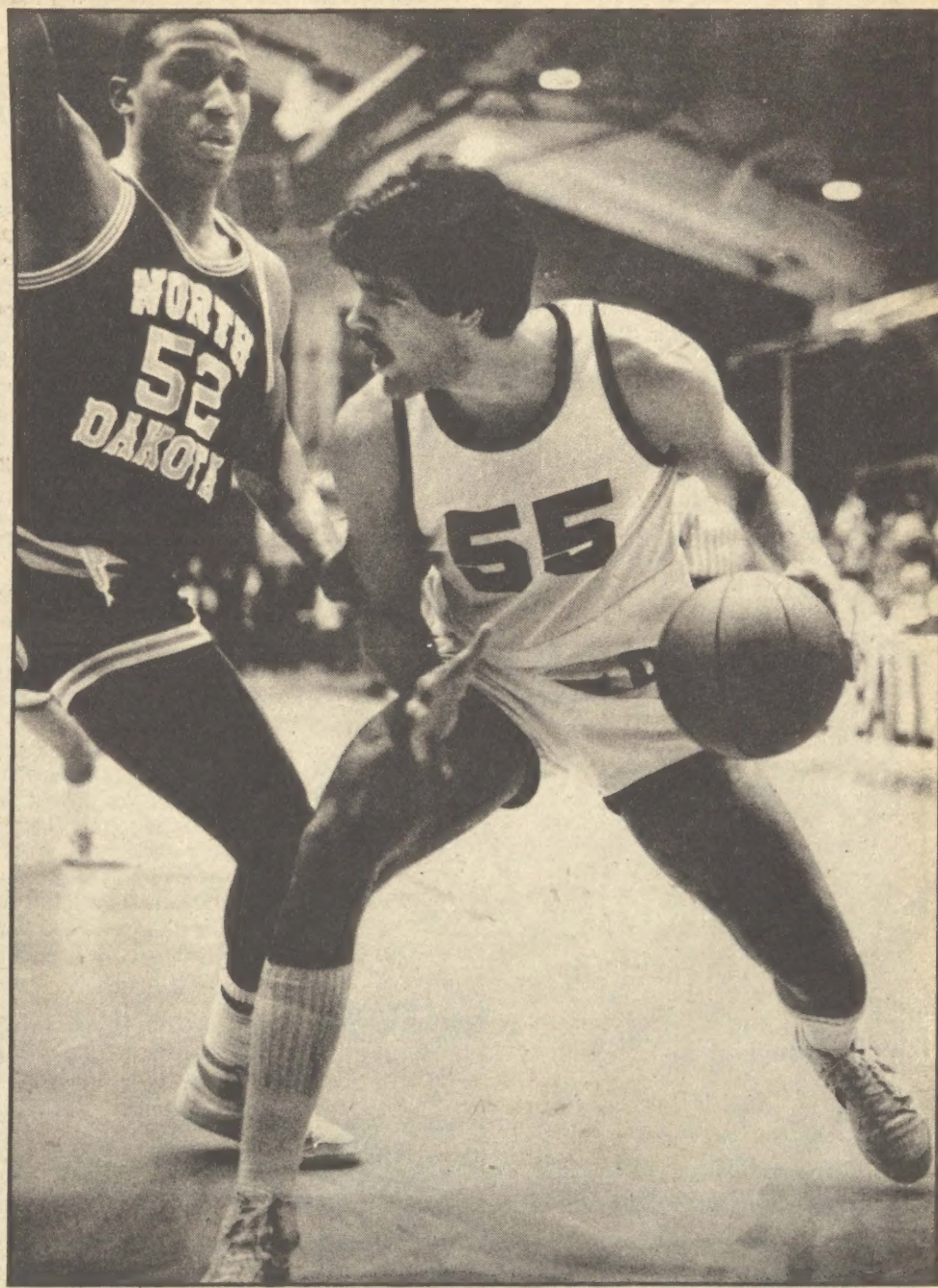
Jacobson has seen some improvement already. He had a miserable December after a four-day stay in the hospital because of back problems.

"He was playing with frustration in December," said Hanson. "He wasn't playing as well as he is capable, and didn't get very much playing time."

Even though his own shots weren't going down, Jacobson was pulling down those of the opponents. He led the team in rebounds in the third and fourth games of the season grabbing 11 against Westmar and six against Missouri.

He believes he can become a better player in the future and continues to contribute. Jacobson hopes to gain a starting position next year, but said he wants to help the team in any capacity.

"Just as long as we win it doesn't matter. That's what makes it fun," he said.



Kenneth Jarecke

How 'bout this way? . . . Bill Jacobson tries to get around North Dakota's Kevin Wilson.

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UNO Head Football Coach Sandy Buda has announced the signing of Jon Engelhardt. Engelhardt, a 6'6", 225-pound lineman from Hastings, Neb., joins 14 other recruits who will begin careers as Mavericks next season. He was a second-team all-state player who also competed in basketball and track. Engelhardt plans to study engineering at UNO.

Roncalli Spiker Signs With UNO

Regina Rule, a 5'9" outside hitter from Omaha Roncalli High, has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at UNO, Head Coach Janice Kruger announced.

Rule was a three-year letterwinner, and earned All-Metro Conference and all-state honors in 1983. She placed second in state in kill spikes with 242 and fourth in ace blocks with 66.

Rule, who plans to major in business, is the first player signed by UNO this season.

The Lady Mavs finished 49-8 last season, won their first North Central Conference Championship and earned a berth in the NCAA Division II Final Four Tournament. They will probably lose five of six starters next season.

South Dakota to Visit UNO

UNO will host South Dakota in a crucial North Central Conference basketball game tomorrow night at 5:45 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. The Lady Mavs have won four of their last five games prior to Tuesday's game with Augustana. South Dakota is 8-0 in the NCC and 16-4 overall. UNO is 4-4 and 6-15. The Coyotes beat the women's team 66-63 in their last meeting in Vermillion, S.D.

UNO picked up two wins last weekend, defeating South Dakota State 76-68 in overtime Friday and Augustana 84-73 Saturday.

Scholten Named Player of Week

Jackie Scholten was named the North Central Conference Player of the Week for her performance against South Dakota State and Augustana.

The 6'2" freshman from Winterset, Iowa, scored 21 points and grabbed 14 rebounds against SDSU, and 23 points and nine rebounds against Augustana. She also had four blocked shots.

Scholten is the first player ever to receive Player of the Week honors in women's basketball at UNO this season.

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Mavs 'won't panic' despite poor shooting performance

The men's basketball team will try to do something this weekend that it couldn't do last weekend — find the basket.

But Head Coach Bob Hanson isn't worried about his team's shooting ability, despite its 40.6 field goal shooting percentage against Augustana last week. "It's no reason to panic. We just have to get back to basics and work on fundamentals," he said.

The Mavericks, 12-1 in the North Central Conference and 19-4 overall, will host Morningside tonight and South Dakota tomorrow night. Both games start at 8 p.m. in the Field House.

Hanson's main concern is getting all-NCC center Terry Sodawasser back to good health. Sodawasser scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds in 16 minutes in UNO's 93-67 win over South Dakota State last week. After the game, though, his ankle swelled up and he was unable to play against Augustana Saturday.

Sodawasser underwent arthroscopic surgery earlier this season. Hanson said Sodawasser's status for this weekend is a "day to day thing."

Hanson is unsure how much the 6'9" junior was missed against the Vikings. "If I knew how many baskets he would have scored, I could tell how much he was missed," he said.

UNO will have to pick up the pieces since its winning streak was halted by Augustana. With the NCC race entering the stretch drive, the Mavs must win tonight to hold off a late surge by Morningside.

The Chiefs, 9-2 and 16-5, are two games behind the Mavs,

but could conceivably be 1½ games back depending on the outcome of Tuesday's game with Augustana.

UNO hopes to repeat its performance on Feb. 3 when it defeated the Chiefs 71-64 in Sioux City, Iowa. But Morningside has rebounded to win its last two of three games.

The Chiefs have three starters who average in double figures and are led by senior forward Steve Brandsma's 16.4 points per game. Senior Bob Beneke averages 15.7 points while Brent Aden averages 11 per game.

South Dakota will enter Saturday's game trying to play the spoiler's role. The Coyotes are 2-10 in the conference and 6-16 overall.

"We're going to try to play the best we can. And we just might be a spoiler if things fall into place," said South Dakota Head Coach Doug Martin.

He said his squad will concentrate its efforts on UNO's all-time leading scorer Dean Thompson. "No one can stop him," Martin said. "We'll try to contain him as best we can, but he's such a great player."

The Coyotes might be helped in this meeting with UNO by the return of 6'7" center Mike Bunn. He was sidelined in UNO's 75-60 win in Vermillion two weeks ago.

Bunn scored five points and pulled down nine rebounds in his last outing and will be wearing a soft cast on his right wrist this weekend. "He should make a difference," Martin said. "He gives us added dimension and we're a heck of a lot better off with him healthy."

Whether UNO wins or loses this weekend, the conference race is tightening up. Augustana moved into third place with its

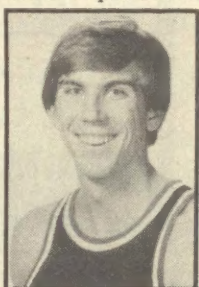
win over UNO and is 3½ games behind. South Dakota State, in fourth place at 8-5, also has NCAA Regional Tournament aspirations.

The Mavs are led statistically by Thompson. He leads the team in field goal percentage at 54.2 percent and in scoring with a 17.8 point per game average.

Thompson holds the school record for field goals. His 688 is 27 better than Dennis Forrest's previous record.

Jeff Fichtel kept his hold on leading rebounding statistics, averaging nearly six per game. He has led the team in six games. Only Rickey Suggs, who averages 4.2 a game, has led the team in more games in rebounding, with seven.

Three Mavericks have a chance to pass the 500-point mark in this weekend's games. Suggs has 474 career points, Rick Keys has 472 and Fichtel has 450.



Sodawasser

NCC Standings

	Conference		overall	
	W	L	W	L
UNO	12	1	19	4
Morningside	9	2	16	5
Augustana	8	4	15	7
South Dakota State	8	5	14	10
Mankato State	7	5	16	6
North Dakota	6	5	11	9
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South Dakota	2	10	6	16
St. Cloud State	1	11	4	18

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